

## BETHEL

Rev. F. R. Dixon to Sever His Connection with Congregational Church.

The Congregational church recently invited Rev. F. R. Dixon to remain its pastor for another year with increased salary. Yesterday Mr. Dixon gave a report of the 15th annual conference of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions with its newly appointed and prospective missionaries, which he had been invited to attend, expenses paid, by Secretary Brewer Eddy. Following the report, Mr. Dixon, at the request of the church clerk, read a letter which he had addressed to her and which is here copied: "It is pleasant to feel that the work I have tried to do at Bethel has met with such general acceptance that you wish me to remain your pastor another year."

"The fact that I am committed to the American board and the advisability of making special preparation at Hartford Theological seminary and the Kennedy school of missions, makes it impossible for me to accept your kind invitation. I would be happy indeed to continue the work in Bethel until early September if the church so desires."

"Thanking you for this manifestation of confidence and assuring you that it will be no easy matter to discontinue my work in Bethel, I remain yours fraternally."

Mr. Dixon stated that for some time his plans for the future had been uncertain and had been settled only since he was last in Bethel. In the Congregationalist and Advance of June 13 is a group picture of 40 young men and women who will be missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. Among them is the face of Mr. Dixon and his given destination is Africa.

The Congregational church wished much to keep this pastor, who, whatever the difficulties of his work, "has ever one more shot in the locker" and a cheerful courage to try the effect of it. The three years' pastorate, though broken by college work and by a release for army, Y. M. C. A. work, has been one for which the church and people are grateful and which they will long remember with a warm feeling about the heart.

There will be no morning service in the Congregational church next Sunday, as Mr. Dixon will attend baccalaureate service at Dartmouth. At the Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 o'clock, interesting letters from Rev. R. W. McClure will be used. All come.

R. D. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Spencer of Springfield, Mass., were here yesterday to visit Mrs. Warren at the sanatorium.

Miss Ruby Abbey of Randolph is spending a week at Greer Bostwick. Charles Billings came Saturday from Poulney with his family and the household effects, to occupy the A. N. Newell farm, which he bought this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Newton of Wallingford were guests at the inn yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyford, Mr. and Mrs. George Lyford of Chelsea were at James F. Ripley's yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Chapman, Mrs. F. A. Marsh and Edgar H. W. Owen were in Warren Saturday at a Pomona grange meeting. They had parts on the program and Mr. Chapman presided as master of the Pomona grange.

## ROCHESTER

Clarence Kinsman, who is working in Pittsfield, building a house, fell from the attic to the second floor, bruising his shoulder and was badly bruised.

Miss Lena Smith, who was injured in the automobile accident, has been moved from Warren and was able to go to her home in Castleton the first of the week. Miss Matta Harvey is working in Alldrich's market.

Frank Mosher has gone to Springfield to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Whitney have moved to Forestdale.

Merle Marsh of Charlestown, Mass., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marsh.

Mrs. Quinn Ford and daughter, Marjorie, the latter having been very ill in Boston, returned to their home here last week.

George Stevens has bought the hotel owned by the late R. S. Morgan and will move his family there this week.

Dr. Lyman Allen of Burlington was in town recently in consultation with Drs. Merriam and Huntington in the case of F. O. Kennedy, who is very ill.

George Walker has sold his place here and moved to Northfield, where he has work.

## HANCOCK

Those who were placed in quarantine for smallpox have been released, as the disease proved to be chickenpox.

Mrs. Farley was in Randolph last week.

A. L. Miller was at home from Middlebury over the week end.

William LeBarre spent a few days recently with his aunt, Mrs. Charles Duffee, of Rochester.

Herschel Roberts, who recently returned from France, has gone to Connecticut, where he will take up his former work as machinist.

Mrs. Hugh Roberts and daughter of Randolph have been recent guests at the home of Charles Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Sturtevant of Rochester have moved into the hotel.

Miss Ella Dutton, a nurse at the Greene sanatorium, was a recent guest at George Farr's.

Mrs. Walter Scott visited her mother and sister in Ripton last week.

Darwin Davis of the U. S. navy visited at Carl Boyd's recently.

Elephantine.

"Didn't I see Mr. Ledfoot dancing with you at the party?"

"That's what he called it."—Boston Transcript.

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## WAITSFIELD

Children's day was observed Sunday at the M. E. church, with the usual program of recitations and song. An interesting feature was the baptism of six infants.

Miss Marjorie Luce, former teacher of home economics in the high school, was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean of Montpelier were guests at A. W. Bigelow's Saturday.

Mrs. Hugh Baird was able to take an automobile ride Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Luce, Mr. Luce and Miss Luce of Waterbury were in town Sunday.

J. G. Roy and wife of East Barre were over-Sunday guests at G. W. Wallis's.

N. D. Phelps and wife of Barre were at B. D. Bisbee's Sunday.

Fred Baird was home from Barre for the week end.

Miss Vone Skinner spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. Richard Martin and children have gone to Dixville, Canada.

D. H. Skinner was in Burlington Saturday, attending the annual meeting of the Guernsey club.

Mme. Stafford of Essex Junction is a guest of her son, R. I. Stafford, of the south district.

Mr. Peck of Johnson was a Sunday guest of his daughters, Mrs. Earl Joslyn and Mrs. Stafford, and Mrs. Dodd.

Children's day will be observed at the Congregational church Sunday, June 22. Rehearsal will be Saturday at 3 p. m.

Mrs. R. I. Stafford is visiting her parents in Johnson.

Memorial Sunday was observed by appropriate exercises yesterday in L. O. O. F. hall. George W. Wallis officiated for Valley lodge and Maple Rebekah lodge was represented by Mrs. G. W. Wallis.

Miss May Gleason, Mrs. Clara McAllister and Mrs. Ernest Chase, with Miss Clara Spaulding as floral maiden. Music was furnished by a male quartet, composed of Gordon A. Fory, O. A. Bowen, John and George Kingsbury. They sang "Drifting," composed by Mr. Fory. A vocal solo was given by Mrs. Kemele, who also presided at the piano. The floral tributes were taken to the cemetery.

## NORTHFIELD

Mrs. Sarah Carpenter, who has been spending the past six weeks in town, has returned to her home in Stratford.

Mrs. M. M. Curtis accompanied her and will visit relatives for a while. The trip was made with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Slye in their automobile.

Prof. A. W. Peach of Norwich university, accompanied by Mrs. Peach and son, Bruce, have gone to Brattleboro for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lovell of Bellows Falls were guests of Mr. Lovell's sister, Mrs. C. V. Woodbury, during commencement week at Norwich university.

Miss Barber, who delighted the commencement guests with vocal solos, accompanied them to Northfield.

Mrs. Jennie Davis spent several days the past week in Montpelier, visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Magnus of Waterbury were in town the past week, attending commencement at Norwich university.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler have gone to housekeeping in Mrs. H. E. Estabrook's tenement in the Mayo East street block.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Welch of Groton were guests at the home of their son, Dr. G. N. Welch, over Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. A. A. Shapiro of Norwich university have gone to Revere, Mass., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas, who have been spending the past week in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Dyke, have returned to their home in Arlington, Mass.

Miss Florence Andrews, who has been visiting friends in town the past week, has returned to North Montpelier to resume her work.

Arthur Hill of the local postoffice is enjoying his annual vacation.

"Hey, Rubel!" Days Over With Great Circus of Present.

It's a far cry from the days when yells of "Hey, Rubel!" on a circus lot assembled razor-backs, roughnecks, kinkers, punks, drivers and performers for a "clem"—a battle with stakes, pins and flats around rowdies—to the present time when the Sells-Floto shows "troupe" in red, white and blue trunks with far less uproar than there is on a home-seekers' excursion.

In the old days even the executives of a circus mixed in the "clem," and great was the carnage in plaid vests, celluloid collars and pop bottle "diamonds." Now a fight on the circus lot is no more likely than a fight at a Chautauqua. A battery of typewriters is the most bellicose thing the executives see. Heavy fines make an occasional cuss word costly. The circus uses all its excess energy in getting the road on time, loading, unloading, parading and giving two performances each day save Sunday.

And when Sells-Floto circus comes to Montpelier Saturday, June 28, the man who is known as the pioneer of clean and courteous showmanship—H. B. Gentry, the famous showman—comes with it. This time he comes as a big show pioneer. It is claimed, for he has injected just \$75,000 worth of novelty and laughter into the Sells-Floto performance, the "ten blocks greater" parade, the "million-dollar pageant," with its section after section of colorful and striking surprises, and the beautiful spectacle, "The Birth of the Rainbow," a colorful and inspiring extravaganza, employing 600 persons and 400 animals in groupings and animated pictures never seen under a circus tent before. All the circus sights one loves best will be there, and, in addition, there will be many that will delight with their freshness and originality. These things the men ahead of the circus promise with the light of confidence in their eyes.—Adv.

An Exceptional Woman.

Ray—My pa's got so much money he don't know how to spend it.

Roy—That's nothing! My pa's got so much money that ma can't spend it.—Boston Transcript.

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## RANDOLPH

Frances Holman, Aged 16, Died After Hard Suffering.

Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holman, died a little before 6 o'clock on Saturday after an illness of about two weeks, in which she suffered intensely. She was first taken with pneumonia, and later complications developed which made her recovery impossible, and at the same time made her suffering almost unbearable to herself and friends. Deceased was about 16 years of age and was a member of the junior class in the high school, a brilliant scholar, and a favorite with her schoolmates. She is survived by her parents and six other children of the family, one of whom, a sister, is a member of the senior class.

Miss Helene Ranney, who has a position at a photographer in Greenfield, Mass., arrived home on Saturday night to remain over Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Harry Chase. She was accompanied by Stephen Whitman, who was lately discharged from service and is for the present with his parents in South Royalton, not yet having taken up any work.

The local Odd Fellows lodge attended the service at the Bethany church on Sunday morning, with members of Fern Rebekah lodge accompanying them. Rev. Fraser Metzger gave a sermon appropriate to the day, and the service was helpful and inspiring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emerson, who have been in Lisbon, N. H., for the last year, will return here in the near future for a time, till they decide just where to locate for the future. Mr. Emerson's term of service expires at Lisbon the first of July, and he has no definite plans for the future. They will remain at their rooms on South Main street till they decide.

Mrs. E. T. Sault left Saturday for Derry, N. H., to pass some time with her son, and may continue her journey to Boston to visit other sons before her return.

Mrs. Sarah Thompson and her nephew, Fred Borte, who have recently returned from service, have been with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Booth for the few days, and on Saturday returned to Newport, N. H. Mrs. Thompson now has employment in Langdon, N. H., for the present.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Eaton, who have been on a trip to Maine, returned home Saturday night.

Mrs. Sarah Sharpe has been quite ill for several days, and it is expected that her son will be called from Boston to see her.

The local Rebekah lodge were invited to the home of the noble grand, Abbie E. Clarke, on Friday night, where a reception was held in honor of Mrs. Emogene Busk, who at the recent assembly meeting held at Burlington, was given the decoration of chivalry. Mrs. Busk is past president of the assembly and this last honor, which has been accorded her, is another attention of which the lodge of which she is a member is justly proud. Her efficiency and helpfulness have been of great assistance to the lodge, and this latest mark of respect is appreciated by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Philbrook of Framingham, Mass., will give "The Runaways" in town the 11th and 12th of August, and the rehearsal for this entertainment will begin July 30.

Mrs. Ada Carr left on Friday night, after a several weeks' stay, for Barre, where she will remain with relatives about two weeks, after which she will return and take up nursing.

Miss Evelyn Howe, who has been with her aunt, Mrs. F. H. Ketchum, for a few days, left on Friday for her home in Concord, N. H.

Mrs. H. H. King of Worcester, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. C. D. Sanborn.

The Brigham farm near East Randolph has been sold to William E. Armstrong for \$5,500. Mr. Armstrong buys to occupy and offers his own farm for sale.

Frank Bingham, who has been on the Brigham farm, has bought a small place of Mr. H. S. Bragg in East Randolph. The Allen Washburn farm in the Gilman neighborhood, on North Randolph road, has been sold to Volney Farr, who has sold a part to Victor Beador for occupancy.

About 30,000 square yards of street highway surface has received a coat of road oil. A large motor truck spreader, owned by the Standard Oil Co., is laying the dust settler. Main, South Main, Pleasant, South Pleasant, Central, Forest and a part of School street, Prospect and Highland avenues are to be oiled.

Rev. Fraser Metzger accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Mann and Rev. L. G. Chase to East Fairfield the first of last week to assist in the ordination of Mr. Chase. The ceremony was performed at the old home church by Revs. C. C. Merrill, C. J. Patterson, Fraser Metzger and F. C. Smith.

Mrs. D. H. Morse is passing several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Vaughan, at Shelburne.

Mrs. Lois Smith of Waitsfield is the guest of her brother, M. W. Campbell, and family.

A daughter was born Saturday, June 6, to Mr. and Mrs. George Farrington of Braintree.

A son was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Foster Terry, who live on the Braintree road.

Mrs. J. H. Moulton and her daughter, Miss Mary Moulton, after passing the winter with the daughter and sister, Mrs. Arthur Lane in Mount Vernon, N. Y., have returned and opened their house on School street for the summer.

Mrs. J. H. Lamson and Miss Mary Lamson and Miss Zora Tebbury were guests of Mrs. A. Putnam in Montpelier from Thursday to Saturday.

Dwight L. Granger has completed his work at the Huntington school, a college preparatory school in Boston and has returned home, and during the vacation will be employed in the E. A. Morse grocery store.

Mrs. L. A. Russell has returned from a week passed in Boston and at Wellesley, where her son, Paul Russell, has been during the last year.

Miss Celia Gifford has returned from a year passed in Boston, where she attended the Gordon Bible school.

Miss Clarabel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stimets, from New Haven, Conn., has been here a few days. Miss Stimets has just completed a course in a business college, and will take a position as stenographer and typist in New Haven on her return.

Mrs. Ephraim Hatch of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been here ten days, looking after the disposal of the property of her sister, the late Mrs. Etta Smith, left a few days ago for Worcester, Mass. While here Mrs. Hatch, who is a cousin of Mrs. S. H. Brooks, made her home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stimets and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stimets have started on a three months' trip to California, and during their absence George Dwyer of Boston will look after the business interests of the Brigham creamery.

Her Wish.

Little Elsie—I wish I was twins, mother; then half of me could do lessons and half play.—Boston Transcript.

**WEST BERLIN**

Mrs. L. L. Cooper from Montpelier is visiting her many friends in this place for a short time and is stopping with Miss Corrie Streeter just now.

Mrs. Laura Buwell from Montpelier visited her sister, Mrs. Abbie McAllister, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson and wife from Montpelier were guests of his brother, C. A. Patterson, and wife last Sunday.

William Patterson and wife from Windsor visited Miss A. R. Emerson Sunday and are also visiting friends in Montpelier and other places before their return.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson left the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gove, Sunday for Barre and will go from there to their home in Greenfield, Mass.

Miss O. Plummer from Chelsea, Mass., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gove for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Kimball and son, Gerry, have been taking a sight-seeing trip in the farming section in some parts of New Hampshire very recently.

Mrs. Abbie Newell from Acuteville is visiting Mrs. M. J. and E. M. Ayers.

Mrs. F. B. Bailey is reported to be more comfortable. She has been quite ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stevens have recently moved back into the F. B. Bailey house. Mr. Stevens is employed by Mr. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gove's granddaughter will spend the summer with them.

**PRODUCTION OF SODA ASH**

Was Well Maintained in 1918 in Spite of Difficulties.

Sodium carbonate in the form of soda ash is the foundation of the alkali industry, for it is used in the manufacture of glass, soap and dyes, as well as caustic soda and most other sodium compounds. It is significant that the production of soda ash was well maintained in 1918 in spite of various difficulties incident to the war and of prices that were lower than those of 1917.

The sales in 1918 were 1,390,028 short tons, valued at \$35,635,520, as compared with almost exactly the same quantity in 1917, valued at \$38,028,000, according to R. C. Wells of the United States geological survey, department of the interior.

The sales in 1916 were about 1,200,000 tons, valued at \$18,000,000. These figures do not include sodium carbonate reported in the form of monohydrate and sesquicarbonate, for the production of which exact figures are not available, nor the soda ash consumed by the manufacturers in their own plants in making caustic soda and other sodium compounds.

The quantity of soda ash used for the latter purpose in 1918 is estimated at 664,000 short tons, against 482,000 short tons in 1917.

Most of our soda ash is made from salt and limestone, but a small quantity is made in the west from natural sodium carbonate, chiefly that obtained from the water of Owens lake, in southeastern California.

The quantity made in this way in 1918 was 19,100 short tons, valued at \$971,000, against 18,800 short tons, valued at \$858,000, in 1917.

At some pulp and paper mills spent liquors from the digestors are evaporated and the residues incinerated to form impure soda ash, the use of which saves from 80 to 92 per cent of the soda ash that would otherwise be required. A few mills make sodium carbonate by an electrolytic process, employing carbon dioxide generated in their lime kilns.

The exports of soda ash in 1918 were 119,218 short tons, valued at \$7,805,550. This material went principally to Japan, Canada, Brazil, Australia and Cuba, named in decreasing order of quantity exported. The need of soda ash in other countries has led to projects to build ash plants in Canada and in Australia.

The Canadian plant is to be built at Amherstburg, near Windsor, Ontario, where limestone and salt are found close together. A very large deposit of natural soda in British East Africa is now being exploited, and when this soda is shipped some of it may reach markets to which we have exported, but it is not likely to reach American markets. Although plants for making caustic soda by electrolysis are being erected in several countries that formerly made it from soda ash exported from the United States, other foreign plants that will use soda ash are under way that will probably maintain if not increase our exports.

The Feeling of Security.

Whatever Congress in its wisdom may do regarding military training in the future, one thing is sure: Hundreds of thousands of young men, trained in the arts of war, are now putting off their uniforms and are being absorbed into civilian life. It gives a certain sense of safety, this knowledge that there is a great body of trained men who could, at the call of necessity, rally to the defense of the country.

This feeling of safety, however, will decrease with the passage of time, unless some plan is devised by Congress to keep the ranks ready to be filled if need be. But one look at the smoldering fires across the ocean, at the Italians in the Balkans, at the Jugo-Slavs rallying to the colors again, at the unorganized world still questioning the immediate future, at the situation and the spirit of Mexico, which may flame out in active warfare again, makes the advocate of the old unpreparedness hesitate before urging that we should slip back at once into the attitude of defenselessness we were in when the war clouds gathered and broke in 1914.

For the immediate present, the feeling may be one of security in the thought of so many trained men among us, but everyone knows how rapidly time slips away and how soon the old training is lost.

Normally one of the first problems the next Congress should tackle is that of form of training should be continued or begun to insure the continuance of "the present feeling of security."—Minneapolis Journal.

Wanted Too Much.

Customer—This doesn't seem a very good fit.

Dealer—Vat you expect for 'leven dollars—an attik of ebblepsy?—Boston Transcript.

Heard at Longwood.

"So Blank, our old hard hitter, doesn't play any more. Is he reconciled to married life?"

"I guess so. The other morning I saw him sifting ashes through his old tennis racket."—Boston Transcript.

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**U. S. PLANNING HEALTH TOWNS FOR SOLDIERS**

Tuberculosis Victims Could Work Way to Health in Communities Established in National Forests.

Atlantic City, June 16.—Special reconstruction towns may be established by the government in the near future, where soldiers suffering from tuberculosis can regain their health and at the same time work at light trades to fit themselves for a full return to industrial life, said Col. Estes Nichols, commandant, U. S. A. general hospital No. 16, New Haven, Conn., in addressing the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis association to-day on "Occupational Therapy."

"This is being considered," he said, "as part of Uncle Sam's plans for vocational re-education which, since the armistice, has for its purpose the fitting of men disabled by the war for new occupations in civil life."

The idea of special communities for these men and their families has been advanced by Captain F. A. Waugh, sanitary corps, U. S. A., and would be for the purpose of bridging over the gap between sanatorium treatment and full return to industry.

"These towns," said Col. Nichols, "might be located upon lands in the national forests. This would permit of the setting up of attractive and healthful wood-working industries for the patients and afford an opportunity for them to retain permanent control of land holdings after they were cured."

"No matter where these towns might be located proper medical supervision would be necessary," he said, "but where as medical treatment has first place in sanatorium care of sufferers from tuberculosis, productive industry would take precedence in the proposed reconstruction towns. These communities would require financial assistance at first but would eventually become self-supporting."